

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 30 April 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Parks and Leisure.

Date notified to all members: Tuesday 30 April 2019

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Tuesday 7 May 2019

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from Wednesday 8 May 2019

1. **TITLE**

Budget Savings - Fee Increases - Bereavement Services

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

Charges and fees for bereavement services fees are increased or varied as set out in the table in the report with effect from 1 April 2019.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

Income from burials and cremations is used to maintain bereavement services facilities in cemeteries and crematoria, ensuring customers continue to receive the highest standard of care during their bereavement and also to ensure that facilities continue to be maintained to a high standard in future.

Increasing income is preferable to reducing costs which would result in a reduction in quality of the service provided.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

The Council could maintain its current tariffs. This option would not generate the additional income required to respond to budget challenges.

The service could cut costs rather than raise prices. This would result in a reduction in the quality of the service provided.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, Place

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee